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reasons as claim 18.

Claim 22 is patentable over Check et al and Kulkaski for at least the same reasons as claim 18. Additionally, the cited references fail to show integral retaining structures that have an internal dimension, and a reinforcing rod having an outer cross sectional dimension no smaller than the internal dimension of the integral retaining structures.

In conclusion, it is believed that claims 1 - 15, 17 - 19, and 21-22 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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